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RESERVE FLEETS IN ACTIVE SERVICE BY NAVAL AIR FORCE RESERVE

Some of the responsibilities of the members of the Naval Air Force and U. S. Air Force Reserve, including their aircraft, were outlined today by the Department of Defense.

NAVAL AIR RESERVE

Members of the Naval Air Force have more than 7,000 hours of flight time and more 150 hours of surveillance flying along the eastern seaboard and the Gulf of Mexico since 1955.

More than 80,000 pounds of cargo, and more than 1,000 passengers and transports, were 10,000 miles. The Reserve fleet's operations are a part of their weekend, while and two week active duty training.

The Reserve units were from Texas air activities at South Weymouth, Massachusetts; New York City; Long Beach, New Jersey; Willow Grove, Pennsylvania; Andrews Air Force Base, Washington, D. C.; Norfolk, Virginia; Jacksonville, Florida; New Orleans, Louisiana, and Greenville, Illinois.

The planes used during active operations were F4U Corsair, F6F Sabre, F86 Sabre, B2A TRACER and other aircraft in transports.

The Reserve are active with fighting and capturing 100 aircraft, foreign surface and subsurface, and the flying mission of landing, Pacific, and fishing factories, Russian, and other ships, and Russian aircraft, ship, and an "unidentified" submarine. In addition, numerous "probable" submarine contacts were made.

In addition to the active operations, the Reserve units were active in special assignments in Atlantic Fleet operations, Control, Patrol, where they served in an active duty training status as operational, and as Watch Officers.

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U.S. AIR FORCE RESERVE

Thousands of Air Force reservists, not actually mobilized, during the Cuban crisis rendered service to their nation. On a working order, at a clock, they airmen voluntarily filled in to airmen's jobs. They supplied all of priority equipment and supplies of personnel. They carried out other Air Force tasks were mobilized.

Units mobilized included eight troop carrier wings, and six troop port squadrons, totaling 14,000 men. They are to be released from active duty by November 1st.

The reservists who were not mobilized were located in 11 states. Combat aircraft disperses during the early days of the crisis landed at a number of Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve bases, and civilian airports, receiving logistical, administrative, and technical support from the reservists.

When SAC, TAC and ADC aircraft landed at many civil airports, Air Force Reserve Recovery units were called on to assist in providing support. The such unit commander was notified, the SAC E-47 to base would be arriving at a local base within three hours. The Reserve Commander had 15 minutes at the base one hour later to training station. When the SAC crew arrived, the bomber detachment commander immediately had available sufficient guards, mechanics, communication, telephone, and other technicians to report his unit combat ready.

Other recovery units supported the dispersal to civilian airports of ADC fighter interceptions, tank and missile supporting regular USAF operations on an around-the-clock basis in a training status.

When a TAC Evacuation Hospital arrived at one base, the local Recovery Group moved out of three of the four buildings to make room for the incoming unit, furnishing personnel to tear out partitions, install telephones, special lighting, and otherwise assist the regular unit. The hospital became operational in a matter of hours.

At dozens of other bases, Reserve unit commanders contacted the nearest Air Force base and volunteers, the services of their personnel. Reservists served varying periods during the crisis by driving vehicles, parking aircraft, augmenting air police, refueling aircraft, setting up and operating communications equipment and performing a variety of other jobs.

Major General Chester E. McCarty, Air Force Assistant Chief of Staff for Reserve Forces, commented, "The Air Reserve Forces have more than proved their worth in this emergency. They were ready and willing to be of service to their nation."

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